

SUFFRAGE FAILS, SAYS MISS HALL

Quotes Western Women to Prove Ballot Works Harm to Sex.

DIFFICULT OF REPEAL

No Politician Would Advocate Recall of Vote Because He Can Control Them Through Husbands.

By MISS FLORENCE R. HALL.

Chairman, Public Interest Committee, Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. The women who want suffrage now ask: "Why didn't some enterprising anti work on the California senate before May 1" to prevent its indorsement of woman suffrage? Simply because it was not worth while.

It is perfectly true that the California senate adopted a resolution to the effect that woman suffrage is "satisfactory" in that State, and "intelligence and discrimination" was used by the women voters in electing its members, for instance. It is also true that the Utah senate would be very likely to approve Mormonism as "satisfactory." It is also true that a convention of waiters would heartily indorse the practice of tipping.

Difficulty of Repeal.

One of the worst dangers connected with woman suffrage is the difficulty to be met with in getting it repealed after once enacted. No party in power is going to advocate the disfranchisement of voters, regardless of social or ethical reasons that would prompt such disfranchisement; and no party seeking power will antagonize any element of the electorate, no matter how small, that promises political assistance. The "antis" would be perfectly willing to re-submit the question of woman suffrage in the States where women vote. In California, especially, it is often stated by the press that another election on the subject, with the women voting, would reverse the decision, and within two years of the adoption of woman suffrage in California, one of the women who worked hardest to get it testified that it was a menace, and said she would work "twice as hard."

If that were possible, against the measure if it came up again.

It is notable that these various "indorsements" of suffrage come almost exclusively from men who are politically interested in the vote, few or many, that women will cast where they have the franchise.

Politicians Are Men.

No politician recently elected in Chicago, for instance, would say anything against "votes for women," even though he is perfectly aware that if no women had voted the election would have turned out just the same. The large woman's vote for mayor, which was cast by wives at the direction of husbands, as the percentages proved, was no indication of a real interest in the affair by the women. On the "public house-keeping" measures, for instance, the women's vote was not half the total given for the big office; and even at that, the women cast only 25 per cent of their total possible vote against the measures. Naturally, every politician affected will approve votes from women—or even possible votes from women—whether given because the women are earnest suffragists and ambitious politicians, or because "hubby" tells them to go out and vote for his candidate; whether all women want to vote, or only 10 per cent will vote.

Another case of how this works out is seen in Denver, recently, where the women cast fewer votes than anytime since granted the franchise twenty-two years ago. Denver went "wet" and the measure was not supported. Half a dozen women in responsible public offices proclaimed that it proved suffrage a failure, and that in a few more years no women would vote in Denver.

Majority Opposes Suffrage.

The selfish interests of every politician and of the women who vote are against any movement for its repeal. Conversely, it is a monument to the intelligence of American men and women that the majority has always opposed this plunging of the woman into political life, in spite of the selfish individual motives which naturally favor such a step. The suffragist against the ballot to wield political power, to get political offices, to benefit no one but herself. She holds out promises of votes, of "freedom," and of "jobs" to all who will help her attain her ends—and yet the good, sensible women of our land are not to be deceived into taking up another duty and burden by any such sophistries.

To Have New York Hearing.

"The Girl Who Smiles," by the author and composer of "Alma, Where Do You Live?" and "Adèle," is to be given a hearing in New York. It represents the usual formula—a French farce made into a German vaudeville, and then provided with a Broadway libretto.

WITH THE WOMEN'S CLUBS

Woman's Single Tax Club Celebrates.

The Woman's Single Tax Club gave its fourth annual dinner and picnic at Bennett's Grove in West Riverdale, Md., on Decoration Day. All the club members came with well-filled baskets and a splendid collation was served.

Among the distinguished visitors were Hon. Lawrence Becker, Solicitor of the Treasury; Mrs. Joseph F. Post, of Philadelphia, and Assistant Secretary of Labor and Mrs. Post.

After dinner was served addresses were made by Hon. Lawrence Becker, Mrs. Joseph F. Post, Miss Flora Raymond, and Hyman Levine. At the conclusion of the speeches the assembly repaired to the home of H. Martin Williams and Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, where coffee, sandwiches, strawberries, and cake were served.

At 7 o'clock a business meeting of the club was held for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Jessie L. Lane was re-elected president; Mrs. W. D. Mackenzie, vice president; Miss Flora Raymond, recording secretary; Mrs. Louis P. Post, corresponding secretary; Miss Frances S. Crosby, treasurer; Mrs. L. P. Shidy, chairman press committee; Mrs. B. F. Lindsay and Mrs. A. B. Swartz, auditors, and Mrs. Walter I. Swanton, delegate to District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs.

The closing exercises consisted of a peace meeting at Riverdale Hall, which was addressed by George Warren and Mrs. Alice Thacher Post, of Washington. Mrs. John Basil Barnhill, of Washington, sang three songs in a most acceptable manner. Mrs. Barnhill possesses a rich contralto voice of flexibility and power. She was accompanied by Miss Hazel Dakin.

Mr. Warren's speech was a plea for free trade among nations as a means of preserving permanent peace.

Mrs. Post's address was a strong and clear presentation of the doctrine of the new internationalism which must be established through an international parliament in which the interests of every country would be represented. Mrs. Post began by speaking of the woman's international congress at The Hague, April 27, 28, 29, and 30, to which she and Miss Flora Raymond, of Washington, were delegates. Her description of the personnel and work of the congress was most interesting, and at times dramatic and touching.

As Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, president of the club, was engaged looking after the

guests, H. Martin Williams kindly consented to preside at both afternoon and evening meetings.

At the close of the meeting fruit punch and cakes were served. Among those present were: Mrs. Joseph F. Post, of Philadelphia; Mrs. William Spencer Heath, of Baltimore, and the following from Washington: Hon. Lawrence Becker, Hon. Louis F. Post and Mrs. Post, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Swanton and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mackenzie, Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, Mrs. Benjamin Monroe, son of daughter, Mrs. E. J. Dakin, Miss Hazel Dakin, Mr. J. Dakin, Mrs. A. B. Swartz, Mrs. John Basil Barnhill, Mrs. Mohrland, Mrs. Claire Hornberger, Mrs. E. S. Tenney, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shidy, Mr. George Warren, Mr. W. W. Wallace, Miss Ada Rhodes, Mrs. Julia Thompson, Miss Julia Woodward, Miss Ethel Henderson, Mr. Harry Nichols, Mr. Judson King, Dr. Cora S. King, Miss Frances S. Crosby, Mrs. E. Bebb, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lindsay, son and daughter, Miss Beatrice George, Miss Carrie George, Mrs. and Mrs. Maurice George, Miss Flora Raymond, Mrs. Emily G. Perry, Mr. H. L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. James Hugh Keeley, Mr. Charles S. Davis, Mrs. Cohen and daughter, Mr. A. L. Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. White and children, Capt. McClellan and Mrs. McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Squire and daughter, Mrs. Jason Waterman and daughter, Mr. Hyman Levine, Mrs. Martha O'Neill and others; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Laura Springer, and Miss Hettie Ainsworth, of Williams, Ohio. Among the Riverdale people were: Mr. and Mrs. O. Mulligan, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Buckingham, Mrs. D. C. Busch, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. De Groot, Dr. R. A. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, Miss Nell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Castello, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. Rosalind Blondheim, Mr. and Mrs. E. Steinmeyer, Col. J. L. McGee, Mrs. C. E. Gordon, Dr. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, Frank Jones, Mr. Pearce, Mrs. J. R. Bridges, Mrs. L. W. Carlton, H. Martin Williams, Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, and Mr. D. O. Green, from Hyattsville, Md., and Mrs. Jackson H. Ralston and Mr. F. Hoopes.

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Anthony League Enjoys Rose Festival.

Mrs. Nanette B. Paul and Mrs. Anna E. Headley, of 307 Columbia road, entertained the members of the Anthony League at a musical and rose festival Thursday, June 3. The drawing-room, reception hall and dining-room were beautifully decorated with pink and white roses, smilax and ferns. Refreshments were

day evening. Before calling on the different entertainers Miss Maude Lee, the club's new president for 1915-16, made a graceful address to the members, outlining her ideas for the year's work and telling of some big things she hoped to have the club perform.

Arthur Thomas, a successful writer and new member from Canada, opened the program with several numbers from his own pen. Among these "A Cycle of Water Legends," being a tribute to the St. Lawrence River, proved very enjoyable. He also gave some Spanish, French, and German translations.

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Aside from the educational and suffrage work done by the Anthony League a "wheel" has been formed to work for the Crittenton Home and such good has already been accomplished. The annual picnic will be held Saturday, July 10, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Wright, Carroll Springs, Md. An interesting program is being arranged and a report of the year's work will be given by the president, Mrs. Anna E. Headley. Other reports by the chairmen of committees will also be given.

Activities of District D. A. R. Chapters.

Martha Washington Chapter, D. A. R., was charmingly entertained at its last meeting of the season by Mrs. Anna E. Headley, president. The report of the various officers gave evidence of a very prosperous year. Plans were formulated for the coming season and committees appointed. The chapter enters upon a new year with renewed zeal. After the reports were read the annual election of officers took place, with the following results: Regent, Mrs. Clarence E. Curtis; vice regent, Mrs. Gustavus Werber; recording secretary, Mrs. Blanche Tyler Benton; corresponding secretary, Miss Ellen Love; treasurer, Mrs. John W. Mathers; registrar, Mrs. A. E. M. Johnson; chaplain, Mrs. Jefferson Millard; historian, Miss Anna L. McDonald. At the close of the meeting daily refreshments were served by the hostess.

Among those present were Miss Francis Abbott, Mrs. Hardy, Miss Mary Parsons, Miss Ellen Love, Miss Alice Weaver, Mrs. A. E. M. Johnson, Mrs. Jefferson Millard, Mrs. M. B. Abbott, Miss Jennie Nabers, Miss Mary Emery, Mrs. M. E. Love, Miss Ida M. Peck, Mrs. Inez V. Tighe, Mrs. M. B. Abbott, and Miss Lillian Kasadiko.

Junior League Assists Needy Families.

The Junior League of Washington held its semi-monthly literary meeting at Flynn's Hall, Sunday, May 30. A short business meeting was held before the opening of the literary program. Miss Brown asked the club for a letter of recommendation to the Denver (Colo.) Sanatorium for a family in Washington that is in need of admission to such an institution. This was granted by the club by a unanimous vote. Mr. Trouber suggested that the club appropriate a sum of money to help a poor woman with two children in Washington. The club voted a sum of money

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for the immediate relief of this needy family.

A special meeting today at 3 p. m. is to be held at Miss Rose Wolf's home, 1815 Fifteenth street northwest. The literary part of the program consisted of recitations by Samuel Arkin, in "The Man with a Single Hair," Leo Kershenbaum, in "The Office Boy Quits," and an original poem by Chauncey Goldstein, "What I Saw in the Moving Pictures of the War." There were also several piano solos, and the meeting closed with dancing.

New England Women Elect Officers.

The New England Women of Washington, held their annual meeting May 24, at the home of Mrs. Richard Rathbun, 1523 Massachusetts avenue. Seven new members were admitted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main, president; Mrs. David White, vice president; Mrs. Emily Brainard, recording secretary; Miss Alice J. Whitcomb, corresponding secretary; Miss Lillian A. Norton, treasurer.

The president will entertain the members of the society at the next meeting, October 25.

DR. DUNCAN GIVES FESTIVAL.

Sociological and Philanthropic Workers Clergyman's Guests.

The annual strawberry festival of Rev. Dr. George S. Duncan to public men interested in social and philanthropic work was given Friday afternoon at Dr. Duncan's home, 230 Seventh street northeast. "The Method and Scope of Present Charity Work" was the general topic of discussion.

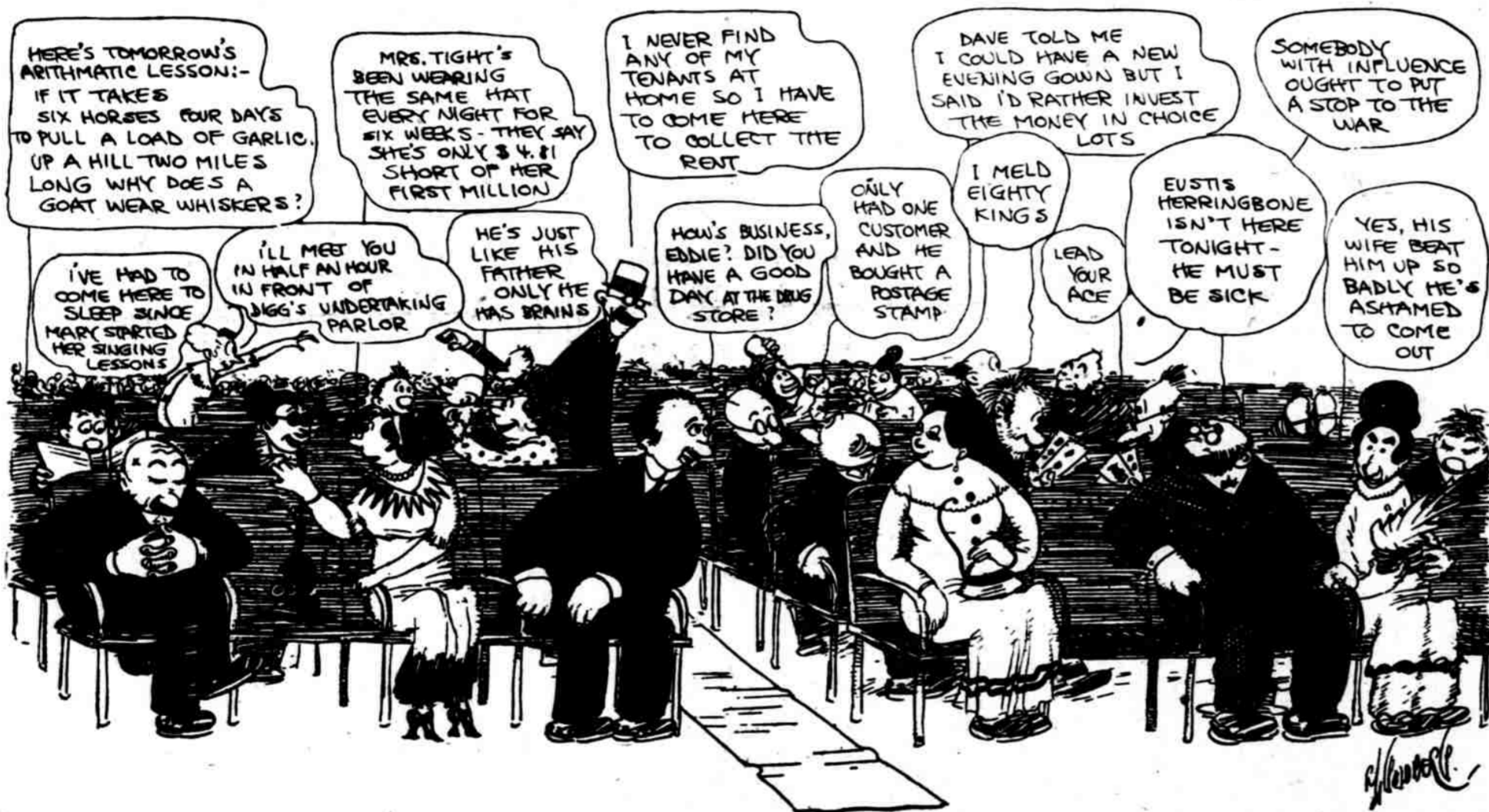
The speakers and their subjects were: Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, president of the woman's welfare department, National Civic Federation, who discussed charity methods of the past; "Present Day Charity Work," Walter S. U'Ford, secretary of the Associated Charities; "The Duty of Citizens in Respect to Associated Charity Work," A. J. McKelway, secretary of the national child labor committee, and Brainerd H. Warner, who spoke on the general theme.

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